

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2003-858  
January 6, 2004

OneStar Long Distance, Inc.  
Request to Abandon Local Service

ORDER GRANTING  
REQUEST TO ABANDON  
LOCAL EXCHANGE  
SERVICE

WELCH, Chairman; DIAMOND and REISHUS, Commissioners

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On December 1, 2003, OneStar Long Distance, Inc. filed a request to abandon local exchange service pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1104(1). OneStar states that it will continue to provide interexchange service. In support of its request, OneStar stated that Verizon, which is its wholesale provider of local exchange services, is terminating those services because of unpaid bills by OneStar.

The Commission granted OneStar authority to provide local exchange service in Docket No. 2000-945.<sup>1</sup> The Commission has authorized OneStar to provide intrastate interexchange service in Docket No. 93-200 (under the name Telstar Communications, Inc.), 98-775 and 2001-469.<sup>2</sup>

It appears that it is impossible for OneStar to continue to provide local exchange service. We find that is a sufficient reason for abandonment of service. OneStar states

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission authorized OneStar Long Distance to abandon its local exchange authority in an August 15, 2001 order issued in Docket No. 2001-469. That order simultaneously granted local exchange authority to an entity named OneStar Communications, LLC. In an order issued on July 9, 2002, the Commission rescinded the local exchange authority granted to OneStar Communications, LLC and reinstated the local exchange authority of OneStar Long Distance, Inc.

<sup>2</sup> The authority granted in Docket No. 98-775 was to CRG International. In the August 15, 2001 Order issued in Docket No. 2001-469 (see footnote 1), we granted the interexchange authority originally granted to CRG to OneStar Communications, LLC, while simultaneously allowing OneStar Long Distance, Inc. to abandon service. In the July 9, 2002 order in that docket, we rescinded the interexchange authority of OneStar Communications, LLC and reinstated the interexchange authority of OneStar Long Distance, Inc.

The Commission has no record that it has ever rescinded the interexchange authority originally granted to OneStar Long Distance, Inc. in Docket No. 93-200. It appears, therefore, that OneStar Long Distance, Inc. has authority to provide interexchange service from two separate dockets.

that it has already notified its local exchange customers of that it is discontinuing service.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Dennis L. Keschl  
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COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR:      Welch  
   Diamond  
   Reishus